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<i>Application Number</i>	09/483,745
<i>Filing Date</i>	January 17, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Loredana Abramo
<i>Art Unit</i>	2178
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Cong-Lac Huynh
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	LUTZ 2 00156 / Abramo 1

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

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- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a

- a.  period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other 3 MO EXT., AMD. TRANS., STATEMENT SUB. INTERVIEW

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- a.  Deposit Account No. 06-0308

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- b.  Check in the amount of \$856 (RCE/AMD) , \$950 (EXT) enclosed

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For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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PROGRAM**  
Serial No. : 09/483,745  
Confirmation No. : 8778  
Filed : January 17, 2000  
Group Art Unit : 2178  
Examiner : Cong-Lac Huynh  
Advisory Action : August 12, 2004  
Last Office Action : March 22, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. : LUTZ 2 00156  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

This request is being submitted prior to abandonment of the application.

Enclosed herewith is an amendment.

A check in the amount of \$856.00 is enclosed for the fee associated with this RCE (37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)) (\$770.00) and the fee associated with one additional independent claim (\$86.00).

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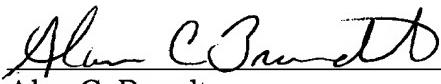
This application, as amended, names the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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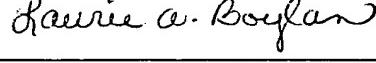
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**AMENDMENT C**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 22, 2004, and in view of the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed August 12, 2004 and a telephone interview with the Examiner on September 8, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.



Case Name/No. Abramo 1  
Attorney Docket No.: LUTZ 2 00156

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Ser. No.: 09/483,745	Filed: January 17, 2000	Examiner: Cong-Lac Huynh
Art Unit: 2178	Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPORTING DIGITAL SWITCHING SYSTEM DATA INTO A SPREADSHEET PROGRAM	

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an *Amendment C* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	20	Minus	20	0	X 18	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	4	Minus	3	1	X 86	\$86.00
			TOTAL		=	\$86.00

- No additional fee is required.  
 A check in the amount of \$86 is attached (\$770 – RCE fee, \$86 – 1 extra independent claim).  
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 Applicants request any extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the required fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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